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16 March 1960

To Mr. Kelly

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P

SUBJECT : P2V-7 Utilization

REFERENCE : DPD 1763-60, 2 March 1960

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval in paragraph 5.

2. The ARC has considered the inquiry in your referenced memorandum regarding the utilization of the RB-69 (Test Bed), otherwise known as the P2V-7. The craft in question is the only one of the several P2V-7s operational which is configured for ALQ-28 and the K-Band tunable receiver. The principle question is whether this most sophisticated of the P2V-7 ELINT gear should, on 25 April 1960, be redeployed against ChiCom or should be held in the ZI, or elsewhere, for deployment against higher priority targets.

3. In its consideration, the ARC has taken cognizance of the urgency of requirements in the ChiCom area, including Manchuria, the number of aircraft now available at the Base for ChiCom coverage, the program for retrofitting the ELINT craft to include ALQ-28 and K-Band tunable receiver, and the fact that the summer season is not conducive to either Manchurian operations or deep penetration in South ChiCom.

4. It is the conclusion of the ARC that, in these circumstances:

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b. The requirements in these regards transcend the need for this gear in the ChiCom area at this time.

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5. It is recommended that:

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c. The configuring of additional P2V-7s with ALQ-28 and K-Band tunable receiver proceed as rapidly as feasible; and

d. In view of the foregoing, consideration be given to meeting ChiCom coverage in the future on the assumption that at least one plane, hitherto considered to be in the GRC complement, will be otherwise deployed. [redacted] 50X1

JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Recommendation in paragraph 5.
APPROVED

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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